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WFD-3105-59

8 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, WFD

SUBJECT : Westponder Beacon Purchase for C-130 Task

REFERENCE : A. Letter from Westcoast Manufacturers Corporation dated May 1, 1959
B. Memorandum from Chief Air Section dated 6 May 1959, WFD-3060-59

1. This communication contains in paragraph number 5, a recommendation for approval of an expenditure not to exceed $1,120.00 in connection with subject task.

2. At the time subject task was in the planning stages, the case officer, [redacted] requested that funds be advanced to him for the purpose of making local procurements in the West Coast area. This request was denied for the reason that the items to be procured could not be described and we could see little need of having money outstanding for a purpose that was not clearly definable. 25X1

3. The case officer found a need for procuring two Westponder Beacons, model number 1, at a cost of $417.00 each or a total of $834.00. The flight test on these two elements amounted to $285.00 giving a total monetary requirement of $1,119.00.

4. When the case officer approached the Westcoast Manufacturers Corporation for these items, he asked that the cost be billed to the Lockheed Air Corporation against a purchase order that was in effect for the development of some similar items a few months ago. Under this system of processing Westcoast would bill LAC, who would in turn bill the USAF, who would in turn bill the organization on a reimbursable basis. Naturally, the costs involved in making this small procurement would be greatly increased if this system of disbursement were to be employed.

5. The proposal was made to the case officer that he ask Westcoast Manufacturers Corporation to bill him direct for these items at [redacted]. The invoice when received by 25X1

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the case officer at his home will be brought into the office and a certification will be placed thereon that the items were received in satisfactory condition on behalf of the organization. DPD Comptroller will at this point draw a check in favor of Westcoast Manufacturers Corporation and forward it to an individual to be named by the case officer. This action will expedite settlement and reduce the costs involved in processing. Accordingly, it is recommended that you approve the expenditure in the space provided hereto.

SIGNED

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Comptroller, DPD-HD/P

APPROVED: Expenditure approved.

For billing arrangements, see DPD-3149-59.
(A/Ch/DPD to Ch/Fin/DPD dated 8 May 1959.

/s/ JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

CONCURRENCE:

CH/R&D/DPD

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